

# UMPIRES I HAVE KNOWN

William J. Klem, the dean of the National League staff of umpires, was born in a small town just outside of Buffalo in the year of 1877.

Bill never played professional ball himself, but in his younger days, being the big boy of the gang, he was usually chosen as the umpire, and when he graduated from the lot he was given a chance to show his worth in the New York State League under John H. Farrell. He worked in the New York State League two years, then shifted to the American Association, where he remained for one year before he was found by the late president of the National League, Harry Pulliam.

His first appearance on National League grounds was in the spring of 1900, and so well did he perform that it was not long before he was known from coast to coast.

He has a distinct personality, and once having seen him work, the fan can never forget him. It was none other than Billy Klem who inaugurated the white collar and tie, with full blue uniform; in fact, he started out with his own idea in regards to sartorial adornment. He adopted the Norfolk style coat and has stuck to it ever since. His appearance on the diamond was so impressive that his uniform became the regular uniform adopted by both major leagues, and won for him the distinction of being the Beau Brummel of the major circuits.

Billy is a most pleasing chap to meet



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and converse with. He has handled polo games, football games and even started the ponies, so that he is well informed in all lines of sport.

That calls to mind a story I heard him tell one night while in a party of umpires in Chicago. After talking over the different plays of the game the conversation drifted to boxing, and it was then that Bill broke in with his story.

He was umpiring in the New York

State League at Binghamton and, as he was held in high esteem as an umpire and as the town sports had framed up a boxing match to be held at the Opera House, being shy a referee, they invited Bill to act as the official.

He explained that everything went along nicely for about four or five rounds. Then the local pug fouled his opponent and, of course, Bill gave the decision against him. Right there is where the trouble began. He was hooted and howled out of the building, and finally was placed in a cab and hustled to the railway station. "Westervelt you know how they came after you out at the park yesterday?" he said. "Well that was nothing compared with the way I had to dodge bottles and cushions, making my get-away, and my advice to any one is leave the boxing game alone."

Billy is the first and only man who was well enough thought of in the National League to sign his name to a three-year contract at a handsome salary. After the close of the world's series of 1912, Billy took unto himself a wife, and now he spends his time during the winter months making improvements upon his new home.

It is almost a foregone conclusion that Klem will work in the world's series, as he is well liked by both managers, magnates and players, and besides, President Lynch thinks he is the best umpire in the game to-day.

## WARM WEATHER IS HELP TO COACH

Carolina Baseball Candidates Have Three Weeks' Practice in Open Air.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., February 22.—Practically rounding up three weeks of consistent outdoor baseball practice, with some fifty baseball artists daily appearing on the field, Coach George Flowers applied the "canning" process on yesterday by chalking on the blackboard only the names of such candidates that had exhibited some little knowledge of the game. This process of elimination of some two dozen or more men from the field makes it a bit easier to "dope out" some of the promising material that will fight for glory on the diamond this year. Yet it is altogether a difficult task "to spot" the personnel of the nine that will represent Carolina. The abundance of new material; some of which is raw, indeed, though workers, doubly adds to the possibilities of starting "finds" at any day between now and the first game with Oak Ridge Institute, March 14.

It is safe to a certain degree to venture that the infield is well fortified with three mainstays of last year's crack team—Captain Burr Edwards, at third; Carl Bailey, at second, and Jimmy Leak, at first.

Strange faces and a crazy-quilt color scheme of uniforms is witnessed in the make-up of the outfield. In other words, it is distinctly brand-new material. Some of the promising candidates in this department are Julius Johnston, Jr., of Tazewellville; J. T. Thompson, of Burlington; A. C. Zollhofer, of Henderson; A. A. Low, of Farmington; K. H. Bailey, of Wakefield, and Tom De Vane, of Red Springs.

The pitching staff at its present status has apparently narrowed down to a triangular contest between Ben Aycock, of Fremont; Tom Craven, of Charlotte, and Henry Foust, of Greensboro, with odds favoring Aycock and Craven.

The catchers' position is still an unknown quantity. It is known, at Mr. Olive; Mert Stubbs, of Williamston, and Julius Hart, of Louisville, are drawing straws for this position.

## GEORGE HERBERT HAS OPENED HIS CLUB

George Herbert has established his physical culture and boxing school, and is ready for business. He hopes to have boxing and wrestling matches for his members from time to time. Only members in good standing will be admitted to the club. Herbert's gymnasium is in Seventh Street, and is equipped with apparatus of the latest type.

## HOWITZERS LOSE TO NAVAL Y. M. C. A.

Norfolk's Fast Team Trebles Score in Basketball Game With Local Artillerymen.

Norfolk, Va., February 22.—By a triple score the basketball team of the Richmond Howitzers, champions of the State capital, went down in defeat before the fast Naval Y. M. C. A. quint in the latter's gymnasium, to-night. The Richmonders put up a game fight, but were no match for the men-o'-war-men, Naval Y. M. C. A., winning by a lop-sided score of 75 to 27.

The naval quint had easy sailing all the way and romped through the game in easy fashion, scoring almost at will. The men-o'-war-men made their strongest showing in the closing half, in which the visitors scored but seven points.

In this same session the local five tallied thirty-nine points, the same as they did in the opening period.

The Richmonders vainly tried to stop the lightninglike attack of the naval offense, but could not stop the brilliant passing of Shaw, Jackson and Freeman. On the other hand, the Howitzer attack was powerless to pierce the naval defense in the last half. The line-up:

Naval. Position. Howitzers. Jackson, R. F. Shaw, R. F. Freeman, R. F. Lawrence, R. F. Mueller, R. F. Ryan, Walters, R. G. Rowe, Summary: Substitutions—Tucker for Lawrence; McCarthy for Rowe. Field goals—Freeman (17), Shaw (6), Jackson (11), Mueller (1), Bell (3), Walters (1), Tucker (1), Lawrence (6). Goals from fouls—Freeman, six out of ten chances. Referee—Mr. Stell, of the Central Y. M. C. A. Time of halves—20 and 15 minutes.

## LYNCHBURG Y. M. C. A. WINS

Lynchburg, Va., February 22.—In one of the hardest fought games of the season the Lynchburg Y. M. C. A. defeated the Roanoke Association by the score of 37 to 19. The visitors fought hard to finish despite the fact that they were outclassed in every phase of the game. Davis proved the star for Roanoke, while Mayhew was able to prevent Jamerson from scoring frequently by close guarding.

## GOLF AT HERMITAGE

Hudson Cary won the golf handicap tournament yesterday, with a net score of 79. The lowest gross score was made by W. H. Palmer, Jr., who played the new course in 41, coming in. The new course is giving great satisfaction. One player was heard to say that the coming of the ball park had proved a blessing in disguise as the new course was an improvement on the old.

## RECTOR MAY TRY TO STAR AGAIN

Former University of Virginia Track Marvel Coaches Missouri Athletic Club.

James Rector, former star of the cinder path, representative from the University of Virginia to the Olympic games, is to come back and will once again circle the paths. He has recently volunteered to help out the Missouri Athletic Club, of St. Louis, and believes he can regain his past form.

Commenting on Rector's re-entrance in the athletic world, a St. Louis paper says:

"James Rector, the only sprinter in the world ever credited with running 100 yards in 9 2-5 seconds, and the father of the now famous 'Rector start' has taken charge of the M. A. C. squad of dash men, and will prepare the Cherry Diamond flyers for the big M. A. C. carnival at the Coliseum, March 15.

Rector, on invitation from Dr. C. W. Bassett, of the M. A. C., has agreed to give his services in coaching the runners 'free, gratis' and he's willing and eager to teach all the local sprinters the advantages of the start which made him famous.

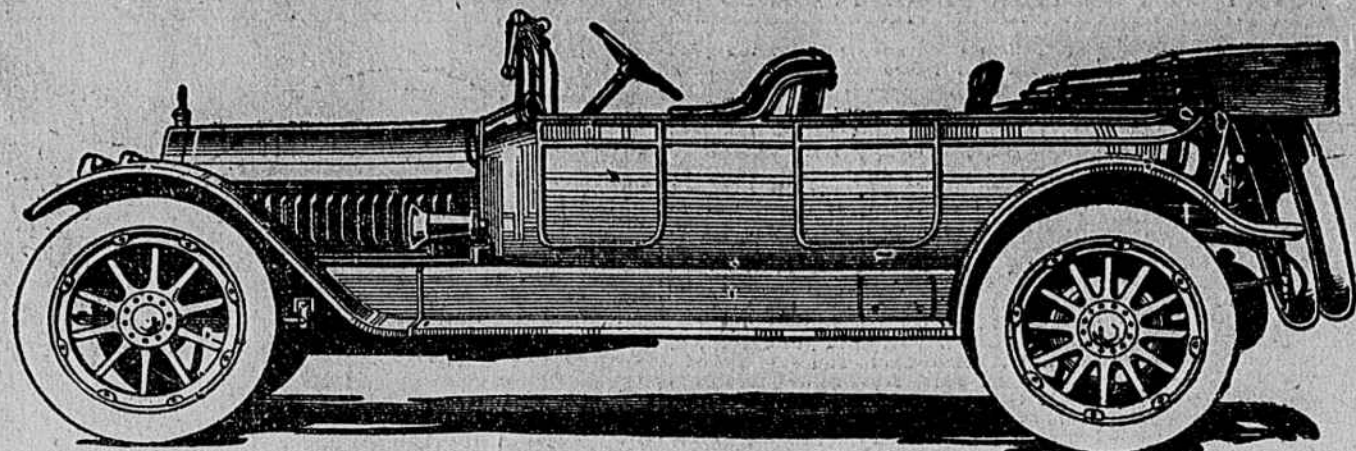
In addition to coaching the M. A. C. boys, the former Virginia University speed marvel may himself see the scratch in the special fifty-yard invitation race, which promises to be the bright feature of the M. A. C. meet. Rector aims to "come back" after being away from the track game for four years.

However, his final decision to run in the M. A. C. meet is contingent upon his ability to regain his old form. Rector will not run a past reputation by a defeat in the Coliseum race if he can help it. In other words, he won't enter the open invitation race unless he's it to do himself justice.

Rector's last race was run in the spring of 1909, when he beat the pick of Yale's squad in a dual meet between Old Bill and Virginia University at Charlottesville. Since then he never has donned a spiked shoe.

West Point, N. Y., February 22.—In a fast and exciting game of basketball here to-day, Union College defeated the Army by a score of 22 to 21. The game was the hardest yet fought on the Army's court, and it required an extra period of five minutes to decide the winner.

New Racing Commission. Albany, N. Y., February 22.—Governor Sulzer is considering the appointment of a new State racing commission. When these appointments are made, he said, he may have something to say regarding his views on the present antirace track gambling laws.



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## In Billiard World



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The question often arises which is the most scientific, carom or pocket billiards. I think I am in a position to have an accurate knowledge of both games, having played more matches at both games than any one I know.

To my mind there is no question but that pocket billiards is as scientific as the carom game, for the reason that it is practically all of billiards and pool besides. In my game with Rogers Friday afternoon I had a good lead when he figured out a two-cushion bank shot on a three-ball combination. Coming up hard under the bank he hit the first object ball perfect and scored the twelve ball that he called.

That is science, and no mere perfect shot could be made on a table. He followed up with thirteen more balls and lowed up with a break on the next frame. That is art, or application, for without the skill of handling the cue ball he would easily play out of position.

Billiards is more artistic than scientific. When I say billiards, that includes both games. The carom game is a study of angles and calls on a man's power of reason—he sees a shot and figures out position for the following shot. In pool a player figures to break up the pyramid and break them properly for a long run. One point that clinches my argument is that when you play a carom you don't have to be exactly accurate about where the ball you hit is first going, because if you make the shot and the position did not come exactly right one or two more shots will do it. But in the pocket game you must be as accurate with your cue ball as in the carom game, and you must drive the first object ball perfectly in the right direction. If a fraction of an inch off

from your calculation it may mean victory for your opponent.

In the games at the New Superior, playing under the new rules—leaving the last ball on the table—the large crowds that attended the games will certify that it calls for some position play to get a break shot on the next frame. You must begin to figure on the last five or six balls to get that position. In the carom game a player figures only two shots ahead.

## GRIFFIN BEGINS WORK ON SPIDERS

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college, has, after an absence from the diamond for several years, decided to try to come back.

Among the other applicants are: Hulcher, who pitched for the champion Battle Axe team last summer; Dixon, pitcher from Tome School; Flanagan, who pitched for the strong amateur team in Powhatan; Duval and Coleman, pitchers on class teams in college last year; Peake, pitcher from Chamberlin High School, near Norfolk; Soales, who caught for McGuire; Jones, catcher from University of Virginia; O'Neill, catcher on class team last spring.

There are about fifteen applicants for the infield and twenty for the outfield, so the coach is confident that with a few weeks' practice he will be able to select a strong combination to represent the Red and Blue, although the Spiders are lacking in experience.

The tentative schedule follows:

March 23—Richmond Collegians at Richmond.  
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March 24—Rock Hill College at Richmond.

March 28—Richmond Club of Virginia State League, at Richmond.  
April 5—Washington College at Petersburg.  
April 8—Union Theological Seminary at Richmond.

April 12—Fredericksburg College at Fredericksburg.  
April 16—Maryland Aggies at College Park, Md.  
April 17—Washington College at Chestertown, Md.

April 18—Rock Hill College at Elliott City, Md.  
April 19—Mt. Saint Joseph at Baltimore, Md.  
April 23—Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Richmond.

April 25—Trinity College at Richmond.  
April 30—William and Mary at Williamsburg (championship).  
May 6—Hampton-Sidney at Richmond (championship).  
May 14—Randolph-Macon at Richmond (championship).  
May 17—Hampton-Sidney at Hampton-Sidney (championship).  
May 18—William and Mary at Richmond (championship).  
May 21—Randolph-Macon at Richmond (championship).

## M'GRAW IS WORTH \$100,000 POLICY

New York, February 22.—An accident insurance policy for \$100,000 was taken out by the New York National League baseball club this afternoon on the life of John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants. The policy insures him against any sort of accident except one that may occur on the baseball diamond. McGraw is now at Marlin, Texas, with the Giants' squad at their training camp.

## WOLGAST DRAWS WITH HARLEM LAD

Murphy Takes Lead in Opening Rounds, but Michigan Boy Finishes Strong.

San Francisco, Cal., February 22.—Tommy Murphy and Ad. Wolgast engaged in a twenty-round bout that was replete with action at Daly City this evening, and at the close Referee Jim Griffin promptly declared it a draw.

The men were boxing fiercely within a few minutes after the sound of the starting gong of the opening round. They boxed a breakneck pace in every round that followed, and they were still boxing when the halt was called. As a matter of fact Griffin had to pull them apart from a savage rally in order to render his decision. The fight was notable for the degree of action crowded into it. There were a few straight punches, but in the main it was a duel between a couple of fighters who pinned their faith to upper cuts.

For many rounds it looked as though Murphy was getting the better of things. Wolgast's lips were puffed and he went to his corner after each spell of fighting, his face dabbled with blood. The reason for this was that Murphy, at half arm work, was far the speedier of the two and could place two blows to Wolgast's one.

Beginning in the ninth round, Wolgast changed his tactics. Instead of centering his entire attention to knocking and jabbing at his posturing opponent, he began to infuse force into his right hand deliveries.

He sent Murphy back with crushing rights that took the Harlem youngster on the jaw, but it was not the facers that enabled Wolgast to even the score. He set himself and smashed at Murphy's ribs, and after a few of these body punches had landed, a distinct change could be seen. Murphy's guard dropped, and his eyes

seemed to go further back into his head.

There was a corresponding change in Wolgast's appearance. From the under dog, he was transformed to the main lead. He brightened and became brighter still as the rounds progressed. He drew level with the sixteenth and seventeenth rounds it was a question whether Murphy would stay the limit. Tommy's clean habits and his conscientious training stood to him, but it was remarkable in fact how the Harlem lad brightened after taking body blows, the sounds of which might have been heard in the mission hills.

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## SPRING TOURNEY FOR PINEHURST

Pinehurst, N. C., February 22.—The ninth annual spring golf tournament, March 2-5, inaugurates the leading tournament of the year, this event establishing a world's record from standpoint of entrance, two years ago. Ten sixteens are provided for, in addition to a special overflow consolation.

March 10-15 will be devoted to the annual club championship tennis tournament, the events including men's and women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.

The thirteenth United North and South amateur golf championship concludes the month. It runs from March 22 to 27, with the women's event, amateur, professional, four-ball, best ball match on the 28th, followed by the thirty-six hole open championship on the 29th.

The men's event fills in the week of March 21-April 5, six divisions being provided for and first division play, thirty-six hole qualification and final. The last tournament on the schedule is the mid-April tourney, April 10, 11 and 12.

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